



**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

***Board of Public Utilities***

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**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF UNITED  
TELEPHONE COMPANY OF NEW JERSEY, INC.  
FOR REVISION OF TARIFF N.J.B.P.U. NO. 3  
TO EXPAND LINK-UP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA TO  
INCLUDE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA

ORDER OF APPROVAL

DOCKET NO. TT06010020

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On January 13, 2006, United Telephone Company of New Jersey, Inc. (Petitioner or United) filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities (Board) to expand Link-Up eligibility criteria to include victims of Hurricane Katrina.

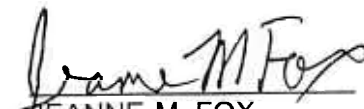
This expansion is the result of an FCC order in docket FCC 05-178, dated October 14, 2005, which requires companies to include language expanding the criteria of the Link-Up program to include victims of Hurricane Katrina for both temporary housing arrangements and for their return to a permanent residence in the effected area. The applicants will be required to certify that they are designated by FEMA as being eligible for assistance. The credits will be available through March 1, 2007. The amount of the credit is thirty dollars (\$30.00) per qualifying household.

No existing rates will be changed and no existing customer will be affected by this filing. Therefore, the proposal will have no adverse affect on Petitioner's ability to provide safe, adequate, or proper service.


The Board FINDS that the proposed changes will not affect the company's ability to provide safe, adequate and proper service and therefore ORDERS that United's petition be APPROVED as filed.

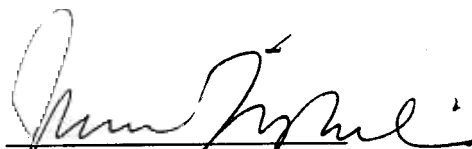
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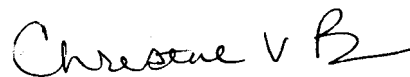
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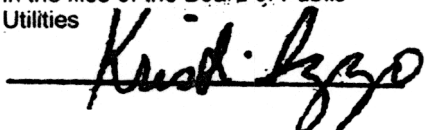
  
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